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# Local Access TV Transitions to Digital

## PEG Channel Partnership & Digital Technology Deliver More Benefits for Our Community

The local Public, Education and Government (PEG) television channels in our community are changing to keep pace with new-generation technology. As of April 27, 2010, digital television signals will be used to televise the programs we see on the local government channel, Public Access 17, the channel used by local schools and the College Channel 16.

### **For many TV viewers, this change will not be noticeable . . . here's why:**

Today, well over half of Mediacom's customers use Digital Cable. Many others use televisions manufactured since 2004, when it was required that all new TVs be equipped with digital tuners.

NO changes are needed to view PEG (local access) channels if you have Digital Cable or a digital television with a Mediacom cable connection (does NOT have to be a high-definition TV).

### **For non-digital customers, Mediacom provides a simple, NO-COST tool.**

Mediacom's free digital tuner (DTA) adapts basic digital signals so the programs can be received on older, non-digital televisions. What's more, the DTA opens up access to additional (free) channel choices. This set of basic digital channels found between 83 and 123 includes C-SPAN 2 & 3; IPTV Learns & World, and more (see channel list, next page).

## HOW to view Local PEG Channels in a digital world:

1. Viewers with digital cable service – no changes; your digital cable box will tune-in digital PEG channels displayed at their current channel locations and also at 83, 84, 85, 86.
2. Newer televisions with built-in QAM tuners (TVs manufactured since 2004) – no device needed; but tune-in at QAM frequency shown in chart (next page).
3. Cable customers with non-digital service (no set-top box) and non-digital televisions – **a digital tuner (DTA) is needed;** get one FREE from Mediacom.\*

\* DTAs are free to non-digital customers; one per customer. Additional tuners lease for \$1.99 ea. The DTA is small (5" x 5") and can be placed behind your TV. Your DTA 'kit' will be complete - it includes a short connecting cable, remote and battery for remote.



Channel locator chart and more information ... next page, please > > >

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## Channel Locator Chart:

**Tune-in to watch local government, education and community programs.**

During a transition period, viewers will find digital PEG channels at dual locations – at previous channel numbers and at new, higher channel numbers.

Digital reception is used in both spots on the channel dial. The prior (old) channel numbers will phase out in a few months.

	<b>Current channel</b> locations – video signals will be digital; these channel numbers <i><b>to be retained during short-term transition.</b></i>	New display locations in <b>Digital Basic</b> channel set – tune-in at these channels with Digital Cable or a DTA (digital adapter).	<b>QAM Tuner</b> display locations * – use these frequencies to tune-in using a TV with QAM (digital) tuner. (*auto tune using TV remote)
Local Government Access	7	86	97.1
Educational Access	12	85	97.3
Drake Univ. / Grand View College shared education channel	16	83	96.1
Public / Local Access	17	84	96.11

## Additional Channels in Digital Basic Cable:

Automatically available to all Basic Cable and Family Cable customers at no added cost. These are digital channels that require a digital tuner for viewing – use your free DTA or Digital Cable or a TV with a built-in tuner (tune-in using QAM frequencies).

87	C-SPAN 2	108	KCCI Weather Now
88	C-SPAN 3	113	Iowa's Weather Plus (WHO TV)
92	TBN (Trinity Broadcasting)	118	IPTV - Learns
93	Inspiration Network	119	IPTV - World
94	EWTN	123	Mediacom Main Street
105	RTN - Retro Television Net. from ABC 5/ WOI		

Mediacom wants all customers to gain access to MORE free channels in a digital world. Digital tuners (DTAs) are FREE to non-digital customers. Pick up at any Mediacom customer service center.

OR call to have the simple DTA kit shipped for free to your home.

Call **1-888-847-6228** | or visit Des Moines Customer Center  
at **2205 Ingersoll Ave.** (just west of downtown).

